

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 14, 15, 18 and 19, and add new Claims 20 and 21 as follows. All of the claims currently pending in this application are reproduced below.

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Withdrawn) An image forming process, comprising the step of applying an ink by an ink-jet system to a non-contact information recording medium, on and from which information can be recorded and read in a non-contact state from the outside, said recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part having an ink/circuit-part barrier structure and an image recording part, thereby forming an image.

10. (Withdrawn) The image forming process according to Claim 9, wherein an ink that does not damage the electronic information-storing circuit part is used as said ink.

11. (Withdrawn) The image forming process according to Claim 9, wherein an amount of a penetrability-imparting agent contained in the ink is at most 2% by weight.

12. (Withdrawn) The image forming process according to Claim 9, wherein the ink is applied to the image recording part in an amount which does not damage the electronic information storing circuit part.

13. (Withdrawn) The image forming process according to Claim 12, wherein the application density of the ink is at most 400%.

14. (Currently Amended) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part, a base material and an ink receiving layer in this order, further comprising a barrier layer,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the ~~ink receiving layer~~ base material so as to prevent an ink applied to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part.

15. (Currently Amended) The information recording medium according to claim 14, wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with ~~JIS P-8177~~ (the Gurley air permeability testing method).

16. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to claim 14, wherein the barrier layer has a thickness of 0.5 to 20 μm .

17. (Previously Presented) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part, a base material and an ink receiving layer in this order, wherein the ink receiving layer is thick enough to prevent an ink applied to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit.

18. (Currently Amended) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part, and an ink receiving layer in this order, further comprising a barrier layer,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the ink receiving layer so as to prevent an ink applied with an ink jet head to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part.

19. (Currently Amended) The information recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with ~~JIS P-8177~~ (the Gurley air permeability testing method).

20. (New) The information recording medium according to Claim 14, wherein ink-jet recording can be carried out on the recording medium.

21. (New) The information recording medium according to Claim 14, wherein the recording medium is used as a non-contact tag.